

Remarks

A Revocation and Power of Attorney accompanies this Preliminary Amendment and Election.

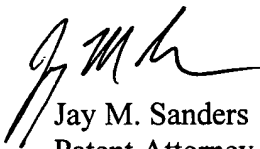
Claims 1-48 were the subject of the written Restriction Requirement dated August 9, 2005. By this amendment, claims 1-48 are canceled, without prejudice, in favor of claims 49-83 (which are presently added).

The restriction requirement should be rendered moot, as all of the claims now presented should be within Group II. Claims 60-72 are directed to methods of making a double-stranded DNA vector and/or recombinant DNA molecule, within the scope of Group II. Further, the kit claims 49-59 are suited to carry out the claimed methods of Group II. The kit claims are directed to materials for the methods. Method claims 73-83 depend from method claims 60-72 and specify the use of the components of the kits of claims 49-59. Thus, the applicants respectfully request that all of the claims now presented (claims 49-83) be included in the scope of the substantive examination. In any case, the applicant's provisionally elect Group II.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 and 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

The applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Transmittal of Revocation and Power of Attorney
Revocation of Power of Attorney and New Power of Attorney
Petition and Fee for Extension of Time